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I. Foreign Secretary Eden told Secretary Dulles on 23 January that situation in Malaya is deteriorating. He noted that terrorism has decreased but was concerned by difficulty in controlling Communist subversion and infiltration.

A. British officials in Malaya have frequently said end of emergency was not in sight but have never stated situation getting worse.

B. When campaign opened in 1948 Communists put major emphasis on terrorism but after mid-1952 main effort switched to infiltration and subversion.

C.

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1. In November and December slightly increased rate of incidents noted, but government does not expect resumption of 1948-'51 rate of terrorism.

2.

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D. In December 1953 government announced,

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that expanding rate of terrorism  
could be expected to continue.

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I. Situation deteriorating -- Eden.

A. Says Communist infiltration,  
not terrorism, main problem.

B. [REDACTED]

C. Terrorism rose slightly Nov-Dec.

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2. Improved counteraction  
should prevent return  
high '48-'51 rate.

D. Major improvement depends on  
external Communist reverses --

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